

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 15th September 2013**

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## **Silent Key**

We regret to inform you of the death on Tuesday last in Our Lady's Hospice Harold's Cross, Dublin of Denis Ryan EI8HM. Denis's wife Vera had been ill for some time and had just passed away on 28th August. Denis was quite active on the air up to a few years ago particularly on two metres in the Dublin area. He was in his 95th year. He will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends. His funeral took place on Thursday last. To his daughter Mary and to his sons Denis, Richard and Eamonn and to his wider family we extend our sincerest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

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## **Echo Ireland**

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of Echo Ireland is Friday next September 20th. Send you articles, pictures etc. to ei4bz /at/ eircom.net.

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## **The Launch of EI6IJ Fund in support of Affiliated Clubs**

Each year, in order to promote Amateur Radio to the public, the IRTS Committee will consider the awarding of a number of grants to Affiliated Clubs. These grants will primarily be funded by a kind donation of the late John O'Riordan EI6IJ. The grants will be of around €300 and usually not exceeding a total of €1000 in any one year. These grants will assist with the holding of public special event stations by clubs affiliated to IRTS. The stations should have significant public exposure with the specific intention of demonstrating Amateur Radio to members of the public. The funds may be allocated in one or more grants, or not at all, depending on the nature of applications received.

Further information and terms and conditions are on the IRTS website at [www.irts.ie/EI6IJ](http://www.irts.ie/EI6IJ)

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## **Amateur Station Licence Examination**

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 10th

October at 2.00 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Places for the examination are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis so you are strongly advised to apply early. Some applications have already been received. If warranted by the number of candidates, a morning session at 10.30 a.m. will be held in addition to the afternoon session.

Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam) . Note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee in order to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 25th September.

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### **The 5Mhz Newsletter**

The latest - Summer 2013 - edition of The 5MHz Newsletter is now available to freely download in pdf format. This is Edition No.7.

This edition includes the latest news about 5 MHz Amateur Allocations, the latest update of the Worldwide Amateur 5 MHz Allocations Chart, stories on 5 MHz usage in South Africa, plus items on UK and German changes. Beacon Spot features the last in the UK chain, GB3ORK, in Orkney and G3ENI investigates the ground beneath him.

It can be found at Dropbox on [tinyurl.com/q87jbuj](https://tinyurl.com/q87jbuj)

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### **DX News**

Zorro JH1AJT returns to Myanmar (formerly Burma) from 18 – 23 September. He will be operating mainly CW. QSLs go via his home call.

Darren G0TSM will be on holidays in Mauritius from 18 – 28 September. He hopes to get on the air for 2 or 3 hours a day with the callsign 3B8/G0TSM. He will be running 100w to simple wire antennas on 40 – 10m and a 2-el quad on 6m.

DL2JRM and DO6XX will be QRV from Spitsbergen in the Svalbard Archipelago from 20 – 23 September. They will use the callsigns JW/DL2JRM and JW/DO6XX.

Members of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society will activate Masirah Island from 20 – 24 September. The callsign will be A43MI and this will count as AS-014 for the Islands on the Air Award.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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